

SENIORS & OPIOIDS

A Choices Matter survey of Americans aged 50+

Seniors & Opioid Overprescribing

70%

agree that opioids are being overprescribed

NEARLY

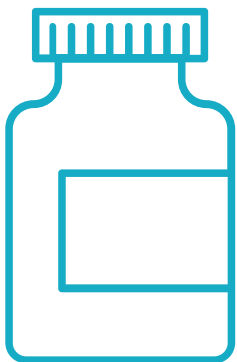
60%

are concerned that taking opioids can lead to addiction and dependence



6 IN 10

are specifically concerned that their peers are taking too many opioids



Despite these concerns, risky behavior is occurring:

LEFTOVER PILLS

About **one-third** of respondents who have been prescribed opioids keep unused pills in their home

MISUSE

Nearly 40% use leftover opioids to treat pain associated with conditions the drugs were not prescribed to treat



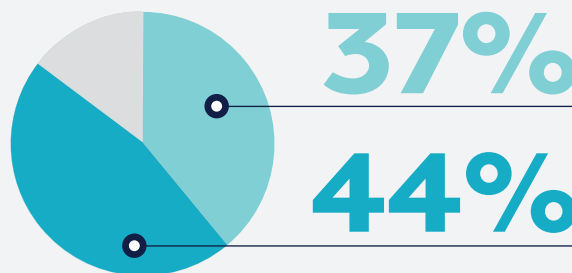
Seniors, Opioids & Surgery

NEARLY

1 IN 4 seniors

would avoid surgery due to concerns about taking opioids to manage pain

Types of surgery most feared by seniors:



GENERAL

(Hernia, Colorectal, Gallbladder)

ORTHOPEDIC

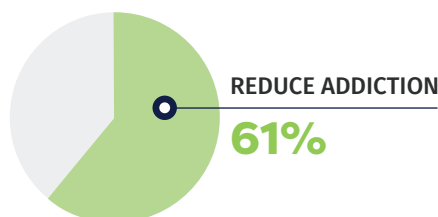
(Knee, Hip, Rotator Cuff)

Seniors & Non-Opioids

82%

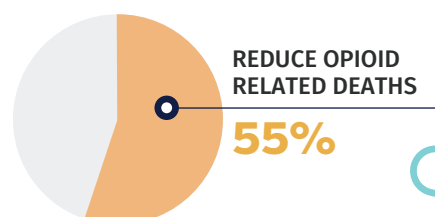
agree that patients and doctors need more access to non-opioid options

Majority believe that access to non-opioids would:



REDUCE ADDICTION

61%



REDUCE OPIOID RELATED DEATHS

55%